(b) if so, the reasons for not constructing rail line from Jamnagar Bedi Port to Rozi pier;

(c) the distance of the above rail line; and

(d) whether it is a very short distance; if so, by when the rail line would be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (d) Bedi Port is a minor port in Gujarat. Traffic generated by this port is not considered adequate for the Railways to provide rail linkage to this port at Railways' cost.

Construction of a rail line from Jamnagar Bedi Port to Rozi Pier is not considered necessary at the present stage.

From Windmill station to New Bedi Port and Rozi Pier, the distance is approximately 14 Kms.

Construction of New B.G. line from Coimbatore to Irugur

2085. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated amount for construction of new broad gauge rail line from Coimbatore to Irugur in Southern Railway;

(b) what is the amount allocated for the project for the current financial year; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) There is no project for construction of new B.G. line from Coimbatore to Irugur. However, doubling of Coimbatore-Irugur is included in the budget. The cost as per detailed estimate has been worked out as Rs. 40.46 cr.

(b) Rs. 2 cr.

(c) No target date has yet been fixed.